

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

--A video encoder (~~100, 300, 500~~) and corresponding method (~~800~~) are described for enabling fast channel change of compressed video, where a video encoder (~~100, 300, 500~~) for receiving input pictures and providing compressed stream data includes a normal encoding portion (~~130, 330, 530~~) for receiving input pictures and providing normal stream data, a lower-quality encoding portion (~~140, 340, 540~~) for receiving input pictures and providing channel change stream data, and a multiplexor (~~150, 350, 550~~) in signal communication with each of the normal and lower-quality portions for receiving and combining the normal and channel change data streams.--